

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2095 – HB 2510

March 11, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a nurse practitioner or physician assistant who meets certain criteria to prescribe buprenorphine products for medication-assisted treatment to patients who are treated at a federally-qualified health center at which they are employed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014459): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to convene a working group to examine the potential impact of authorizing advance practice nurses and physician assistants in Tennessee to prescribe buprenorphine containing products for the treatment of opioid use disorder and any potentially appropriate clinical settings for any such prescribing authority.

Requires the working group to include a least one representative from each the Department of Health (DOH), the DMHSAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Medical Association, the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Tennessee Physician Assistants, the Tennessee Society of Addiction Medicine, the Tennessee Recovery Coalition, the Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug, and Other Addiction Services, the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, the Neighborhood Health, and Watauga Recovery Centers. Requires any costs associated with participation be borne by the individual participant or their respective associations or organizations. The state will cover any costs for those employed by the state.

Requires the working group, no later than February 1, 2019, to submit a report regarding its finding and recommendations to the Commissioner of the DMHSAS, the Commissioner of the DOH, the Health Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate. Declares the working group will cease to exist after the presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed the working group will meet four times per year. It is assumed these meetings will take place in Davidson County.
- Any individuals employed by the DOH, the DMHSAS, or the TBI will attend the Nashville meetings during regular business hours; therefore, any fiscal impact related to these individuals will be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion. As a result, any impact to the state is considered not significant.
- The remaining work group members are associated with private entities and will be paid by the individual or their respective private association or organization.
- Any impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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